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SUBJECT: MRS MARCOS REPORTEDLY DOES NOT WANT DEPUTY
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1. "TIMES JOURNAL" AUGUST 25 CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE REPORTING THAT MRS. MARCOS "PREFERS NOT TO BE APPOINTED OR EVEN ELECTED TO THE POSITION" OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. "DAILY EXPRESS" COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA CARRIED SIMILAR STORY IN HIS COLUMN OF SAME DAY. "TIMES JOURNAL" CITED "UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCES" WHO CLAIMED "THE FIRST LADY WILL EVEN GO TO THE EXTENT OF RESIGNING HER POSITION AS MINISTER OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS JUST TO SHOW HER SINCERITY AND PROVE HER LACK OF INTEREST IN THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERSHIP." MRS. MARCOS, HOWEVER, DID NOT MAKE ANY DEFINITIVE STATEMENTS REGARDING HER AVAILABILITY TO SERVE AND LEFT THE DOOR OPEN FOR A DRAFT, REPORTEDLY NOTING "I AM ALWAYS AT MY PEOPLE'S BECK AND CALL. THE POWER TO CHOOSE...RESTS ON THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES."

2. VALENCIA, FOR THE FIRST TIME AND IN MARKED CONTRAST TO HIS EARLIER STATEMENTS, CLAIMED HE IS "PERSONALLY AGAINST THE IDEA BECAUSE I CAN FORSEE THAT MRS. MARCOS WILL BE THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUTT OF ALL THE BAD JOKES FROM THE WESTERN PRESS IF SHE WERE TO BE GIVEN THAT POSITION. EVEN IN THE PHILIPPINES THE PUBLIC REACTION WOULD BE ADVERSE." THIS ATTITUDE DIFFERS SHARPLY FROM HIS PREVIOUS PRONOUNCEMENTS, INCLUDING A STATEMENT AUGUST 21 COUNSELLING THE PRESIDENT TO IGNORE WHAT THE "FOREIGNERS OR FOREIGN PRESS HAVE TO SAY."

3. COMMENT: "UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCES" AND MRS. MARCOS' STATEMENT TO THE AMBASSADOR (REFTEL) NOTWITHSTANDING, WE STILL BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT HIS WIFE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEMURRERS ARE A CULTURALLY NECESSARY PART OF THE BANDWAGONING EXERCISE. DISPLAYS OF AMBITION INDICATE WALANG HIYA, THE ABSENCE OF HUMILITY, A CONDITION WHICH NO FILIPINO WANTS POINTED OUT. MURPHY

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